names, and full names.

To be safe, with adults you don't know very well or with whom you are not very close, you should to stick to -san.

We attach -chan after the names of girls and young children. -Chan expresses Sara-chan

Please note that unlike the English titles "Mr.," "Mrs.," or "Ms.," we can attach -san, -kun, and -chan to first names, family

Kotoshi, which means "this year," is followed by the particle mo ("too" or "also"), and the phrase yoroshiku onegaishimasu lit-

erally means "please look favorably upon me." So the literal translation of kotoshi mo yoroshiku onegaishimasu would be

"Please look favorably up on me this year too," and we often use it with akemashite omedetō gozaimasu, which means

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affection and/or friendliness. We use it between female friends who are the

same age and from young men to their female friends of the same age or

-chan

**Sample Sentences** 

Reference

younger.

1. Ohayō gozaimasu, Sumisu (Smith)-san

あけましておめでとう、サラ**ちゃん。** 

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Particle mo→ Absolute Beginner Season 1, Lesson 15

Words for family members → Absolute Beginner, Season 1 Lesson 16

★ Kotoshi mo yoroshiku onegaishimasu. (ことしも よろしく おねがいします。)

"happy new year." In an informal situation, you can leave out the onegaishimasu.

おはようございます、スミスさん。

"Good morning, Mr./Ms. Smith."

2. Akemashite omedetō, Sara**-chan**.

"Happy new Year, Sara."

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